

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Isamu KAMATA et al.**

Art Unit: **3746**

Application No.: **10/574,657**

Examiner: **Patrick Hamo**

Filed: **April 4, 2006**

Confirmation Number: **7606**

For: **WATER-LIFTING PUMP APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR CONTROLLING OPERATION THEREOF**

Attorney Docket Number: **062316**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

July 14, 2009

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated July 1, 2009, and having a response due date set for August 1, 2009.

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

Group I Claims 1-4, 8 and 9, drawn to a water-lifting apparatus; or

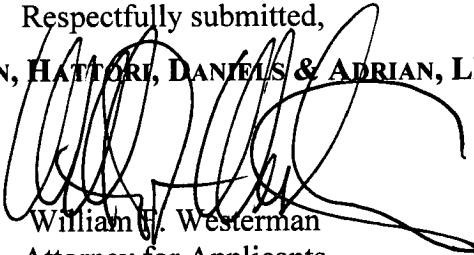
Group II Claim 10, drawn to a method of controlling an apparatus for
pumping water.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-4, 8 and 9. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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